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"WAXMAN TO FIGHT JORDAN ARMS SALE"

Congressman Henry A. Waxman has pledged to mount a "major campaign" to defeat pending Reagan Administration proposal to sell advanced military equipment to Jordan.

Waxman has long opposed the view that Jordan is pro-Western or friendly to the United States. The Los Angeles Congressman has called this idea "a myth which does not stand up under close investigation". In commenting on the proposed arms sale, Waxman said,

"Jordan has contributed absolutely nothing to the struggle for peace in the Middle East. King Hussein has rejected the Camp David peace process. Just last month he publicly declared that we would take no steps in the region without the prior approval of the terrorist PLO.

"If the purchase by Jordan of SAM-8 missiles from the Soviet Union does not prove that Jordan is by no means a reliable ally, I cannot imagine what would. Hussein has even gone so far as to form a joint Soviet-Jordanian military commission. Russian technicians will pour into Jordan as the missiles are delivered. Are we really so stupid and naive as to send secret sophisticated weaponry into a country in which Soviet military specialists have carte blanche?"

Waxman said he would oppose "any and all arms sales to Jordan at least until the Jordanian government recognizes Israel and enters into unconditional peace talks".

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